

as soon as I saw with what rapidity Bmtapurp was marching upon Lyons, and the enthusiasm with which he was received by the troops and the people, I prepared to retire to Belgium, there to await the *dtntnwtnrnt* of this new drama.

Every preparation for lay departure was completed on the evening of the 13th of March, and I wan ready to depart,

the pensions and to remove him from Elba, can be seen in this O*rr<7j;<>w/P?we'e of Talleyrand during the (Jongwas of v'iemw (London, Bcntlc-v), opeHally vol. ii, p. 27, where the ('zar says to Talluyrand at Vitma, ** Why do you not execute the treaty of 1lth of April (giving the iwnsions; * . . . The treaty has not been executed, we ought to insist on its exet'utio*; our honor JH at stake, yo cannot possibly draw back; th< Emperor of Austria insiitH on it as much as I do." Talleyrand goes on to tell the King (vol. II, p. *2H) * Lonl CaKfloragh also spoke to me warmly about the treaty of the, ilth <>f April, and I have no doubt he will mention it to your Majesty. Thin Mthjeel has been revived lately, and is now in every one's ntonth. I might to tell your Majesty that it in constantly recurring, and in it diMtgrerab* way.* Talleyrand's only hope of gutting the treaty tie,rformed by his maMrr sccum t< have been to make, a disgraceful bargain by which Kranc** should abandon the slave trade, in return for which pu-re of humanity his neighbors, the cccon-trio islanders, were, to undertake the porfnrmancec. <>f tin* contract l»y which Louis held his thrones. AH for thti removal, «e« tlw* siuite (»ri .t;iii?^ Mirr. vol. i, p. 4K, whore Talleyrand wriatn to the King on I.Uh <>toibr, ^Mi. ^>, •• A very decided intention of removing Bonaparte from tin* inland of Kilm iMinuiifcHtiig itself. I have proposed <JH> of the Azores, it is «VM> leagueK from any coast. This the King considers an excellent idea. It vva* not uitnaturai l<>r Nnpo-leon to suspect some worse motive for thin Hlep than the wish to jtlacn him at a distance, and the knowledge of this plot may ha\c had soiie Bright with him when he surrendered himself to a Uovt'ritmt'nt which at !»uit would not go farther than imprisoning him. Bee a <mrlouH tmt probably ttinintontlon aliý sinister allusion by Ahtxandor to thti King of Sav<city, another monarch held in disgrace by th< A1H<>B. * If the King of Huxony ltw*s u<>ii alxHttatt* he shall be taken to Kuwiia: he will dh> thörn" (TalMyruti<rH ^ '•*v*ww/*/*<>*v', vol. i, p. 87). Tim treaty is plan enough. *Tli<>!*!>liitsd <>f Elba atioptwi l»y his Majesty Napoloon I. an his i>l*M*eof r<fidr*ice* Hliall form during hin Hfe'u separate principality which Hliall be poHHOHiutfi by him in full H*n*pr<>igity uml property" (Talleyrand's (farriMtiknttenwi, vol. ii, p. 117j Tkwi>t t<>two Jcvli, p. TO; Marten* tome, vi, p. (JSM).

It must be remembered that this treaty wan not a mer^ favor granted to Napoleon when holplcMin. It waft a cottiwtf for wtitol tit** Alllt< itinl <'<>r< tainly the Bourbons had reoeivixl full vaiu<n H<> w>H mm UtU utufarktiKNi tt the time that it was <>nly when the Allies l<>wl tionmity Kix*<<J ^>* tr>w>ty tlmt Caulaincourt handed to Talleyrand tito fontifl alkUoHtitui of NII|<!<>I; IMW Tjiier*, tomé xvii, p. 702. The oeHHHion of Elba wan a bargain, not a gift, Napoleon was far from helpless*. It was th< citrni>rcliniiry nt<p takon Intur "by Talleyrand in surrendering the fortr-owum huld by Fwrncli IPX>pn which placed Franco at the feet of the Allies, Napoloon <>oiil< I have pr<>trsM?u*l tli< war: the bond which held the AUle> ww not citw U> itiwwl much strain, ami a petty island left to Napoleon ww a mnaU pri<>w to pay for tlm cl'jmjifion <>f n straggle in which they had little more to gam <id everything to lc*». The Bmperoro of Austria had given Napóleon hS>ilaughtt*r, ilni l*>ir luil trwttiwl him as a brother, Bavaria and Wurtemtorg w<r> Kuitgn by bin gnwii!, not » sovereign on the Continent had scrupled to uaoipt any gift from him in his days of power; witness the acceptance of Hanover by rrtwaii. Kvt<> Knq-land had recognised him as ConsuU Why no faith to Jw k<>pl with him in his fall in difficult to explain. As for there Mug grmmmt fur purpriN* Hi his return, see the same Talfeyruud t'ttrrmptttd nmi* JD'lntiterlh writci to